Education

Estimate of expenditure for exempting poor girls from school fees.

*590 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Director of Public Instruction has submitted the detailed estimate of the expenditure involved in giving effect to the resolution of this Council on 5th November 1927 on the question of exemption of poor girls reading in classes up to III form from the payment of fees; and

(b) if they have received the estimate, what action they propose to take in the matter?

A.—The estimate has not yet been received.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, when the estimates were called for?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN: —"Soon after the resolution was passed in this Council."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"Now that it is a long time since, may I know whether he will expedite and get the information?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes, I will ask the Director of Public Instruction."

Classification of students in Government Colleges as rich and poor.

*591 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the principles according to which students studying in Government colleges are classified as belonging to the richer, middle and poor classes respectively?

A.—Pupils the annual income of whose parents or guardians is Rs. 7,000 and upwards are classified as 'richer', those whose parents or guardians derive an annual income of Rs. 400 and upwards but below Rs. 7,000 are classified as 'middle' and those pupils the annual income of whose parents or guardians is below Rs. 400 are classed as 'poorer'.

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister for Local Self-Government considers that a monthly income of Rs. 34 can be taken as representing the earning of a middle class man?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes, Sir."

Local Boards

Throwing open to election the District and Taluk Boards in Kistna district.

*592 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when the Kistna District Board and the taluk boards in the Kistna district are likely to be thrown open to election; and

(b) how many seats will be thrown open to election and how many will be kept for nomination for the Kistna District Board?

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A.—(*a*) The Special Officer of the District Board has reported that he proposes to confirm the resolution fixing the total and elective strengths of the taluk boards on the 21st October 1928 and expects to hold the elections for taluk boards in the first half of January next year. Elections of members to the district board will be held as soon as the elections and nominations to taluk boards have been completed

(*b*) The strength of the district board has been fixed at fifty-two members of whom forty will be elected.

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI:—"Will the hon the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the strength of the taluk board of Kistna and the number of nominations?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"The Government have not that information."

Poor-houses

Government aid to the Beggars' Home, Madras.

* 593 *Q.*—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what help the Government are rendering to the Beggars' Home at Madras; and

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to introduce legislation to enable the city police to send all street beggars to that asylum?

A.—(*a*) The Government transferred to the Corporation in 1925 the old Leper Hospital buildings in which the Beggars' Home is now located. No other financial assistance is being given by Government.

(*b*) The question of legislation is under correspondence with the Corporation of Madras.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Nomination of a member from the Nagarathar community to the Temple Committee, South Arcot.

* 594 *Q.*—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for nominating M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur A. M. M. Murugappa Chettiyar, M.L.C., as a Member of the Temple Committee, South Arcot, especially when a member of the Nagarathar community (Mr. A. Muthiah Chettiyar, son of Sir A. Annamalai Chettiyar, *Kt.*), has been nominated thereto;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Murugappa Chettiyar has no landed property in Chidambaram taluk or anywhere in the district of South Arcot;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that he does not reside in Chidambaram and has no place of residence in South Arcot;

(*d*) what interests were intended to be served by his nomination;

(*e*) the reasons for not nominating a member of the Vellala community to the Committee;